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FAS FOR FEED & GRAIN/NOVOTNY FROM AGATTACHE

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SUBJ: CZECHOSLOVAK HARVEST SITUATION

1. CZECHOSLOVAK PRODUCTION TARGETED 10.8 MILLION TONS
OF GRAIN FOR 1978, OF WHICH 7 MILLION SHOULD BE HARVESTED
IN THE CZECH LAND AND 3.8 MILLION IN SLOVAKIA. CZECH
HARVEST IS STILL THREE WEEKS AWAY, WHILE HARVEST IN
SLOVAKIA HAS COMMENCED.

2. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS OF FIELDS IN SLOVAKIA REVEAL
CROP MATURING LATE -- ABOUT TWO WEEKS -- BECAUSE OF
CONTINUING BAD WEATHER. MOREOVER, GRAIN APPEARS TO BE
RIPENING UNEVENLY. REPORTS FROM THE CZECH LAND IN-
DICATE SAME PROBLEMS.

3. CZECHOSLOVAKIA WILL EXPERIENCE A DIFFICULT HARVEST
IF RAIN AND COLD WEATHER PREVAIL DURING THE COMING
WEEKS. IN FACT, WEATHER COULD EVEN CAUSE SOME DOUBTS
THAT THE COUNTRY WILL MEET ITS PRODUCTION TARGET OF
10.8 MILLION TONS.

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4. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON HARVEST SITUATION
WILL FOLLOW AFTER AGATTACHE VISITS WITH MIN. AG.
OFFICIALS EARLY IN AUGUST. WOLF

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